

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/817,982	DUPONT, JEAN-LOU
	Examiner AJIT G. PATEL	Art Unit 2664

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 3/27/2001. *Ajit Patel*
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1;3-12,15-19,21-25,28,3038,41-65 renumbered 2-56 respectively-.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Drexel Feeling on 9/1/2005.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 22, after "paths", "." has been changed to --;--;
line 22, after "paths", "wherein each of the router port extension functional units has an associated virtual port and wherein all of said virtual ports are multiplexed to a single LAN communication port." has been added.

Claim 2 has been deleted.

In claim 3, line 1, "2" has been changed to --1--.

In claim 11, line 4, "- like" has been deleted;

line 6, "- like" on both occurrence has been changed to
--(ICMP Router Discovery Protocol)--;
line 7, "-like" on both occurrence has been changed to
--(Routing Information Protocol)--.

Claims 13, 14 have been deleted.

In claim 19, line 10, after "network", "." has been changed to --;--;
line 10, after "network", "wherein each of the router

port extension functional units has an associated virtual port and wherein all of said virtual ports are multiplexed to a single LAN communication port." has been added.

Claim 20 has been deleted.

In claim 24, line 5, "- like" has been deleted;

line 7, "- like" on both occurrence has been changed to
--(ICMP Router Discovery Protocol)--;

line 8, "-like" on both occurrence has been changed to
--(Routing Information Protocol)--.

Claims 26 and 27 have been deleted.

Claim 28, line 10, after "network", ":" has been changed to --;--;

line 10, after "network", "wherein each of the router port extension functional units has an associated virtual port and wherein all of said virtual ports are multiplexed to a single LAN communication port." has been added.

Claim 29 has been deleted.

In claim 30, line 1, "29" has been changed to --28--.

In claim 37, line 4, "- like" has been deleted;

line 6, "- like" on both occurrence has been changed to
--(ICMP Router Discovery Protocol)--;

line 7, "-like" on both occurrence has been changed to
--(Routing Information Protocol)--.

Claims 39 and 40 have been deleted.

In claim 45, line 10, after "device", ":" has been changed to --;--;
line 10, after "device", "wherein each of the router
port extension functional units has an associated virtual
port and wherein all of said virtual ports are multiplexed
to a single LAN communication port." has been added.

In claim 59, line 17, after "ARP", "-like" has been deleted;
lines 19-20, after "ARP", "-like" has been deleted;
lines 22-23, after "ARP" "-like" has been deleted.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of the record fails to disclose wherein each of the router port extension functional units has an associated virtual port and wherein all of said virtual ports are multiplexed to a single LAN communication port.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AJIT G. PATEL whose telephone number is 571-272-3140. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-THURSDAY.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 571-272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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